

# **John Schmalzbauer**

**Associate Professor and Blanche Gorman Strong Chair in Protestant Studies, Religious Studies at Missouri State University**

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Dr. Schmalzbauer's research interests include evangelicalism, religion and American culture, Ozarks religion, and the campus ministry.

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## **Biography**

Sociologist Dr. John Schmalzbauer teaches in the Department of Religious Studies at Missouri State University, where he holds the Blanche Gorman Strong Chair in Protestant Studies.

His teaching and research focuses on the role of Protestantism in American society. He is especially interested in the role of religion in popular culture, Protestant evangelicalism, American Catholicism and the place of religion in American higher education. In recent years, his courses have focused on religion in the Ozarks.

He is the author of *People of Faith: Religious Conviction in American Journalism and Higher Education* (Cornell University Press, 2003). He is completing a book on the return of religion on campus with historian Kathleen Mahoney.

He is also co-investigator on the National Study of Campus Ministries, a survey of campus ministers in six denominations and two parachurch groups. His commentary and reviews have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, the PBS NewsHour's Patchwork Nation Project, and *Comment*.

His recent publications include chapters for *The New Evangelical Social Engagement*, edited by Brian Steensland and Philip Goff (Oxford, 2013) and *The Post-Secular in Question*, edited by John Torpey, David Kyuman Kim and Jonathan VanAntwerpen (NYU Press, 2012).

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## **Industry Expertise**

Religious Institutions, Education/Learning

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Religions of the Ozarks, Evangelicalism, Religion in Pop Culture, Campus Ministry, Secularization Theory, Religion and Higher Education, Religion and American Intellectual Life, Religion and Health

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## **Event Appearances**

**The Unsecular Campus: The Diversification of Student Religious Life in America**  
Paine Lecture Series

**The Evolving Role of College and University Chaplaincy: Findings from a National Study**  
NetVUE Chaplaincy Conference

**Answering Dystopia in the Baptist South**  
Young Scholars in the Baptist Academy

**Taking Stock of the Role of Digital Media in Religious Intellectual Life**  
Religion, Digital Media, and Possible Futures, Social Science Research Council

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## **Education**

**Princeton University**  
PhD Sociology

**Princeton University**  
MA Sociology

**Wheaton College**  
BA Political Science

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